

BRITISH RESUME THEIR OFFENSIVE ON 12-MILE FRONT

Fourth Great Attack Nets Considerable Progress, a Number of Positions Having Been Taken in Advance Toward Fresnoy, Cherisy and Bullecourt on Great Arras Battlefield

EVIDENTLY THE ATTACK IS MAJOR OPERATION

French Reduced a German Position Which Extended Into Their Line in Champagne and Captured Garrison of 200 Men—Paris War Office Reports the Gain to be Important

London, May 3.—The British began another attack this morning, and the war office announces that progress is being made. A number of positions have already been captured by the British and the fighting is taking place all along the front from the Hindenburg line south of the Senne river to the Acheville-Vimy road.

In their attack the British made progress in the direction of Fresnoy and Cherisy and also toward Bullecourt. Reuters correspondent at British headquarters reports.

The New British attack takes in virtually the entire front on which the battle of Arras was begun Easter Monday and evidently is a major operation. It is the fourth great attack which the British have made along this line, attacking a front about twelve miles long.

GERMAN GARRISON TAKEN BY FRENCH IN CHAMPAGNE

Position Which Projected Into French Lines Was Reduced—Active Patrol Fighting on Chemin des Dames Line.

Paris, May 3.—The French made an important gain on the Champagne front last night, reducing a position which was still being held in the new lines east of Mont Haut and capturing the German garrison of more than 200 men. The war office announced to-day that there was also active patrol fighting on the Chemin des Dames line.

The official statement issued by the war office last night was as follows: The two armies were active, particularly in the regions northwest of Rheims and in Champagne in the sector of Moronvilliers and Auberville. An isolated operation gained ground for us in the wood west of Mont Carnillet.

"In reprisal for the bombardment of Chaulons and Epernay by German airplanes on the night of April 29-30, five of our machines last night flew over the town of Treves, on which they dropped a number of projectiles. All the shells reached their objectives and a fire of great violence broke out in the center of the town.

"On April 30 and May 1 our pilots brought down three German airplanes; 10 other machines were seriously damaged.

"Belgian communication: 'On the Belgian front the artillery was active, the fire being more intense in the region of Dixmude.'

BERLIN TELLS OF ATTACK.

Battle Begun on Wide Front on Both Banks of Scarpe.

Berlin, via London, May 3.—A new British attack was begun on a wide front on both banks of the Scarpe early this morning, army headquarters announces.

DROPPED TORPEDO ON SHIP.

German Seaplane Succeeded in Sinking British Vessel.

London, May 3.—The admiralty announces that the British steamer Gena was sunk May 1 by a torpedo discharged from a German seaplane off Aldenburg (Suffolk, England). All hands on board the vessel were saved.

It is added by the admiralty that another seaplane which was concerned in the attack was brought down by the gunfire from the Gena and its crew made prisoner.

The steamer Gena was a vessel of 2,784 tons gross and owned at Whitby, Bertha, via London, May 2.—An official statement issued yesterday says:

"A few seaplanes attacked on Tuesday morning enemy merchant ships between the Thames and sank a large steamer of about 3,000 tons. One of our machines failed to return and is supposed to have been lost."

38 BIG SHIPS SUNK.

British Less Last Week Was About Same as Week Before.

London, May 3.—The British official announcement of the number of vessels sunk in the week ending on Sunday last

BELGIUM IS IN DIRE SHAPE

Mortality Among the Adults Was Multiplied by Three in March and April

WAS DUE TO SINKING OF RELIEF VESSELS

France Also Suffers, Says H. C. Hooper, Who Arrived in New York

New York, May 3.—The German U-boat menace has made the food situation in Belgium and northern France one of extreme gravity, the mortality among adults in the industrial district having multiplied by three during March and April, according to Herbert C. Hooper, who arrived to-day on an American ship, he being on the way to Washington to take charge of the government's food control program.

Since March 1, he said, the relief commission has lost five ships. During the same period 60,000 tons of foodstuffs were landed, but this was 220,000 tons less than is actually required, the children are always cared for first, so the principal suffering was among the adults.

BOND SALE SOON.

Government Will Put Out \$2,000,000 Issue First.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—Secretary McAdoo announced last night that the first offering of bonds authorized under the war finance law would be a two billion dollar "liberty loan" issue, open to popular subscription at par and that subscriptions would be received till June 15 next. The bonds will be dated July 1, and will be ready for delivery on that date.

Although many organizations in addition to the banks of the country will be utilized in floating the bonds, the twelve federal reserve banks will be designated as central agencies in their respective districts, receiving subscriptions, delivering the bonds, and caring for other details. The proceeds of the issue will be deposited in as large a number of banks throughout the country as practicable, and will be withdrawn gradually.

Interest on the bonds will be payable semi-annually on January 1 and July 1. Details as to their denomination have not yet been prescribed but the lowest denomination it was announced will be so small as to place the bonds within the reach of every investor.

Among the agencies which will be authorized to accept subscriptions, Mr. McAdoo designated banks, trust companies, private bankers, bond houses, postoffices, express companies, department stores, newspapers and other "volunteers who have come forward in great numbers." Many offers of assistance have been received from women's organizations and as soon as possible the secretary will organize a woman's committee to assist in the work of obtaining subscriptions and distributing the issue.

BALFOUR ACCEPTS INVITATIONS.

Will Appear Before Both Houses of Congress Saturday.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—Foreign Secretary Balfour, head of the British war mission, will appear before both houses of Congress Saturday, a privilege never before accorded a British official.

In accepting invitations of both the Senate and House to address them at any time that he might prefer, Mr. Balfour suggested Saturday at 12:30 p. m. It is understood he will make a brief speech in each house though the chief object of his visit will be to pay a call of courtesy, meet the members and to extend the greetings of the British Parliament.

Mr. Balfour spent most of yesterday afternoon with Secretary McAdoo and Sir Hartman Lever at the treasury department, after devoting the morning to conferences at the mission's headquarters.

The trade discussions between British and American officials are said now to have covered practically the preliminary ground and to be waiting on additional information from England.

The South American trade situation has received almost no attention as yet. The British mission will go to New York in about 10 days to join the French for the welcome meeting planned there.

SEIZED RADIO PLANT

In Private House Near Boston Navy Yard Plant.

Chelsea, Mass., May 3.—Federal authorities yesterday seized a radio plant discovered in a house at Broadway and Beacon streets, within half a mile of the powerful plant connected with the Boston navy yard. The apparatus had been used only for receiving, it was said by federal officials. Several code books were found in the house. The outfit was discovered by an electric light inspector, who noticed an unusually high current oscillating the needle of a meter which he was reading. No arrests were made, pending investigation.

GENERAL BUSINESS GOOD.

Not Seriously Affected by United States' Entrance Into War.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—General business conditions throughout the country, the federal reserve board announced last night in its monthly review, have not been materially affected by the entrance of the United States into the war, although in every district there is going on a process of readjustment which is reflected in many lines.

In no section of the country, the board finds, has there been industrial, financial or commercial distress, because of the changes incidental to placing the country on a war footing.

DEFIES AMERICA AND SAYS WILSON WILL BITE GRANITE

President of Chamber in the Reichstag Makes Fiery Utterance and Threatens "New and Mighty Opponents."

Amsterdam, May 3, via London.—The German Reichstag resumed its session yesterday. The president of the chamber, Dr. Johannes Kaempf, in his opening address, speaking of the entry of the United States into the war, said a new and mighty opponent had joined the ranks of Germany's enemies. President Wilson in a message to Congress on April 2, he declared, said he was waging war against the Germans in the interest of mankind and on the ground of justice.

President Wilson, Dr. Kaempf continued, had lost his sight in making this assertion, since he had not stirred a finger to hinder England when England announced her war of starvation against Germany, a war in violation of all human and international rights; President Wilson had lost his sight when he rejected the German proposal to secure the lives of Americans on American vessels in certain routes, which carried no contraband, and by this rejection exposed his own compatriots to danger and death.

"President Wilson," said Dr. Kaempf, "represents the German people as without will of their own and as having been driven into the war by a group of ambitious people, but he tells nothing of the long years of encirclement and machinations against them; nothing of the enemies' recently strongly expressed will to destroy Germany."

"The German people rose August 4, 1914, as one man and still fight to-day to defend their freedom, independence and life. President Wilson says he has no quarrel with the German people, for whom he only entertains sympathy and friendship."

"President Wilson desired by his message to sow discord in Germany. As president of the German Reichstag, which is elected on the freest franchise in the world, I desire that this effort will come to naught, that it will have no influence on the common sense of our people and that President Wilson will bite granite."

This remark evoked thunderous applause. "With our trust heart's blood we established the German kaiserdom, and with the trust heart's blood we shall fight for the kaiser and the empire. (Renewed applause). What our forefathers fought for and longed for, what we have achieved on the battlefield, will not perish, even at President Wilson's word of command."

"We decline all interference by a foreign government in our internal affairs. If all signs are not misleading the decisive point of the world's war is approaching. We see our death-defying troops withstanding the enemy's assaults. Our U-boats will show England how Germans can avenge her nefarious starvation war. We proved recently our financial strength by a sixth war loan. We adhere to our own belief in Germany's star and in a peace which will secure for all time the fatherland's happy development."

There was a fresh outburst of applause as Dr. Kaempf concluded, and the chamber then proceeded to the second reading of the budget.

AMERICAN SAILING VESSEL IS SUNK

The Margaret Was Set Afire Off the Irish Coast—Report Tells of No Loss of Life.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—The American sailing vessel Margaret was destroyed off the Irish coast on April 27 by a submarine, being set afire. No mention of loss of life was made.

Philadelphia, May 3.—The British tank steamer British Sun, owned by the Sun Oil company of this city and leased to Great Britain, has been submerged and sunk, probably in the Mediterranean, according to a message received yesterday. The crew were saved. The vessel was one of the finest in her class and was valued at \$2,500,000.

MADE PLEA FOR IRELAND.

Boston Sympathizers Asked Great Britain for Government Like Canada.

Boston, May 3.—A mass meeting in the interests of Irish independence, called by Mayor James M. Curley, last night adopted resolutions to the effect that the same form of self-government enjoyed by Australia and Canada should be established in Ireland. Further, the meeting resolved that the British government should grant self-government to Ireland without delay because "in the present war crisis the services of men and women of Irish blood will be necessary for the success of the entente allies, and for the preservation of Democratic institutions."

Judge Thomas P. Riley of Malden urged Americans of Irish blood to "give up their old hatred and yield something themselves if they expect England to yield, and to do the square thing by Ireland in the crisis."

HANG FOOD SPECULATORS.

Was Suggested by Senator in Debate on Food Problem.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—The rising sentiment in Congress for legislation to meet the nation's food problems broke out in the Senate yesterday in a debate that started over the high price of seeds, but developed into denunciations of food speculators with predictions that the best way to deal with them was to string them to lamp posts or put them behind prison bars.

Senators from farming states denied that there is any real shortage of staple foods in the United States. Senator John Sharp Williams declared there had been a hysteria throughout the country and that the cause of high prices was largely psychological. He said he believed the German corruption fund recently unearthed in a federal court in New York may have been responsible for the hysteria.

CHANCELLOR IS ATTACKED

German Conservatives Accuse Him of Weakness and Vacillation

ON PEACE QUESTION AND ABOUT STRIKE

Growth of Peace-Seeking Socialists Gives Grave Concern

Copenhagen, via London, May 3.—Such German newspapers as are now permitted to reach here, although evidently selected carefully for their absence of military news or any information in regard to the strike movement, indicate that the campaign against Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg is again in full swing.

The conservatives have adopted and published a set of resolutions sharply attacking the government for its weakness and vacillation on the peace question and in dealing with the strike agitation. The resolutions express grave concern at the steadily growing influence of the Socialists, whose peace-seeking efforts are declared to be leading Germany to the brink of ruin.

STANDARD SHIP PLAN ADOPTED.

U. S. Government Adopts It to Guide Private Shipbuilders.

Washington, D. C., May 3.—To allay uncertainty among shipbuilders who expect to take contracts for vessels of the great wooden ship fleet, the shipping board announced last night that specifications for a standard ship would be ready in the very near future.

The standard ship, the announcement said, will be about 280 feet over all, with a 24-foot depth of hold and with two full decks, and will be capable of developing about 1,500 horsepower. Some details remain to be worked out, however, including the question of bulkheads for protection from submarines. Officials said preparation of the specifications probably would be completed within a few days, possibly by to-morrow.

"The board will submit its plans and specifications as soon as possible," read the formal announcement. "Bidders may propose to furnish completed ships or hulls only. Any firm desiring to submit proposals to build completed ships from their own plans may do so, but such plans will have to be approved by the board's engineers and all are urged to wait until the standard plans are ready."

Scores of shipbuilders have assured the board that they will take contracts up to the limit of their capacity, and in the last few days many of them have sent inquiries as to how soon specifications would be submitted and bids accepted. It is understood that some of the delay has been due to revisions made at the suggestion of the visiting war missions, particularly in regard to means of protecting the vessels from submarines.

To permit builders to make tentative plans, it was announced that the standard dimensions would be about as follows:

"Length between perpendiculars 260 feet, over all 280 feet. Extreme beam 46 feet. Moulded depth 26 feet. Depth of hold 24 feet. Two full decks, forecastle, midship bridgehouse and poop and house on bridge for officers. Power steam, 1,500 horsepower. Single of twin screws."

GRANITE QUARRYMEN OUT.

About 50 Men at West Sullivan, Me., Want More Pay.

West Sullivan, Me., May 3.—A tie-up of the granite quarries here is threatened by the strike of the quarrymen, who demand a wage of \$3.75 a day instead of from \$1.75 to \$2.25. About 50 men are out.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mrs. A. A. Raymond of Stowe was a business visitor in the city yesterday. Harold Poor of East Brookfield, who has been in Barre and Berlin during the past two weeks on trial as tester for the Barre-Berlin Testers' association, left morning to spend the remainder of the week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Poor, after which he will return to resume his duties for the ensuing three months.

The auction sale yesterday at the farm of Charles Machia, conducted by Dan A. Perry, was largely attended by an enthusiastic crowd of bidders, who ran the prices on the stock up to very satisfactory figures. Five cows sold for \$70, while five-week-old calves brought \$16. One 11-year-old horse was knocked down for \$17.50, and potatoes sold at \$3.10 a bushel, with beans going up to \$0.60 a bushel.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Smith passed through the city yesterday, en route to Williamstown from Long Beach, Cal., where they spent the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Smith left Vermont last autumn with several other Williamstown and Chelsea people and remained in Long Beach until the latter part of the winter, when they went to Tacoma, Wash., to visit friends. On the way east, they made stops at St. Louis and other cities in the central west.

Clarence Moulton, who keeps a horse at an Upland avenue barn, was seriously hurt this morning shortly after 5 o'clock, when he was kicked. The injured man crawled to the outside of the barn, where he had to stop because of weakness, and men in the vicinity were called to help him to a nearby house, where a doctor was summoned to examine the injury. A swelling which made it impossible to determine the exact number of bones fractured delayed an immediate examination, but it was found a few of the ribs were fractured, and the man will be detained from work for several weeks. The accident occurred as Mr. Moulton was cleaning the animal, the horse kicking and hitting him in the side, knocking him the entire length of the barn before he fell to the floor. When help arrived to take the injured man to the house, he was unable to speak.

BADLY INJURED IN BARRE QUARRY

George Smith Probably Sustained Fracture of the Skull and His Condition Is Reported to Be Serious.

George Smith, a quarryman employed at the medium quarry of Jones Bros. in Westerville, is at the Barre City hospital with a probable fracture on the top of the head and a possible fracture at the base of the brain as the result of being hit by the dog on a chain while working in the quarry this forenoon. As the quarry shut down soon after the accident, it was not possible to communicate with the office force there, but the story of the accident, as related by others, has it that a stone was being lifted by derrick when the chain slipped off the rock and the dog swung with great force, hitting Smith in the head.

Dr. N. E. Avery of East Barre was called and the injured man was promptly brought to the hospital in this city. Dr. Avery stated this afternoon that it would not be possible to forecast the progress of the case, although he admitted that the man was in serious condition.

REGULAR ARMY RECRUITS.

Are Being Received in Large Delegations At Fort Ethan Allen.

Burlington, May 3.—All general assignment cavalry recruits for the regular army will be sent to Fort Ethan Allen until further orders, according to a telegram received yesterday by Col. W. C. Rivers, commanding officer at the fort, from Adjutant-General McCain at the war department, Washington, D. C. This means that cavalry recruits will be pouring in by the hundreds from Fort Slocum, N. Y., Columbus barracks, Ohio, Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and Jefferson barracks, Mo. The recruits have already been coming to the fort in groups of 25 or 50, but now that the order has been issued, officially designating the fort as the mobilization point for all cavalry recruits, the numbers will take a remarkable jump skyward.

MILL HANDS TO FARM.

Lease 100 Acres in Ferrisburg—Seed Already Bought.

Burlington, May 3.—The Champlain Crop association, with 100 shares, was formed to-day among the employees of the American Woolen Co. at Winooski. The association has leased 100 acres of land in Ferrisburg and will plant 80 of them to potatoes and 20 to beans. It will probably buy a tractor. The seed already has been bought. The shares of the association are \$5.00 each. Ninety-five per cent of the employees hold stock.

Burlington to-day planned a mammoth food-patriotic parade for next Wednesday. Governor Graham is coming and 4,000 people will be in line.

RED MEN PARADED.

Brattleboro Tribe Celebrated 29th Anniversary.

Brattleboro, May 3.—Quokekiet tribe of Red Men, the largest tribe in the state, with 283 members, celebrated last night its 29th anniversary. At 6:30 supper was served and at 8 o'clock there was a street parade. The degree team, wearing costumes, led the parade in single file, with Herbert E. Harris at the head.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Fred A. Church returned to his home on South Main street last evening after a trip to Chicago.

Mrs. Felice Franz of Berlin street returned to her home yesterday after a visit of a month with friends in Waterbury.

Carroll's orchestra members left this morning for Bellows Falls, where they play to-night at the annual May ball, and to-morrow journey through to Ashland, N. H., where they play to-morrow evening for the firemen's ball.

W. T. Durfee of Rutland, district plant chief; John F. McLaughlin, field engineer, and John H. Gowdy of Montpelier, general manager of the Vermont Tel. & Tel. Co., of Vermont were business visitors in the city to-day, while inspecting the Barre office of the telephone exchange.

Atto Mariani and J. B. Eames, representing the Bijou and Park theatres, left this morning by automobile for Burlington, where they are attending a conference of moving picture proprietors in Vermont. The meeting is the first to be held since the organization of a state branch of the national league in Montpelier last winter.

A telegram received here last night announced the death in Boulder, Colo., of Mrs. Irving Farmer, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wells of 106 East street. Her mother had been caring for her during the winter and spring and was with her daughter in the hour of death. Besides her parents, the deceased leaves her husband, a former resident of Barre, who was prominent as a member of the Citizens' band; four brothers, Rev. E. E. Wells of Attleboro, Mass., Rev. F. A. Wells of New Haven, Conn., Rev. G. I. Wells of Glover, and D. Vernon Wells of Fort Barranca, Fla.; also her sister, Miss Violet Wells, of this city. Mr. Farmer was for several years a well known school teacher of Barre and vicinity.

Something akin to a small Niagara of milk and cream flowed over a bank at the north end of Mount street this forenoon when a horse belonging to Richard Lawless, a South Barre man, reversed its traveling direction and backed into a depression seven feet deep before the driver, sighting disaster from a distance, was able to reach the outfit and tighten his grasp on the reins. The horse received a few scratches, but its injuries were as nothing compared to the loss of 140 quarts of milk and a small quantity of cream. The lacteous loss approximated \$6.73, according to Mr. Lawless, and for the benefit of uninitiated householders who start to compute the price per quart, it will be well enough to quote Mr. Lawless as saying that the spilling damage had been figured on a basis of prices paid by the retailer to the wholesaler or producer. So a seven-cent measure won't work on the present computation.

RECRUITING IS FAIRLY BRISK

Headquarters Co. Gets Several Acquisitions to Its Ranks

FIVE MEN OFFERED SENT TO THE FORT

Others Are Coming in With Sergeant Major or N. W. Hooper

Recruiting at the barracks of the Headquarters company in the Howland building received fresh impetus to-day when five young men signified a desire to enlist in the mounted orderly section at Fort Ethan Allen. The response to a patriotic appeal for recruits, as made by Sergt. Maj. N. W. Hooper and echoed yesterday by Barre advertisers through the medium of newspaper broadsides has exceeded the high hopes entertained by the officer when the station was opened yesterday morning. Two Spaulding high school students, one of them an honor member of the senior class, were among the first to apply for enlistment papers.

Richard Cruickshank of this city, who was awarded fifth honor in the coming commencement exercises at Spaulding, has been excused from his studies and will go to Fort Ethan Allen Monday. The other high school lad is Gordon Guy of Graniteville, who plans to go to the fort to-morrow. Ralph Lawless and Walter O'Kelly, the latter a granite polisher, also are candidates for the mounted orderly section and, having passed the preliminary examination at the local station, will proceed to-morrow to the government reservation. Leo F. Crowley, an East Barre boy, will leave Monday for Fort Ethan Allen, there to enlist, if possible, in the stenography group.

Stimulus to recruiting has not ended with the enrollment of the five recruits named in the foregoing, as other potential soldiers are conferring with the sergeant major and expect to make a decision at once. Three candidates for the regimental band from Marshfield will be in Barre to-morrow to talk over matters with the recruiting officer. With the recruiting just getting under way, it is evident that the young men of Barre and vicinity are not going to let any opportunities pass. It should be borne in mind that the recruiting station is open each day from 9 a. m. to 12 o'clock and from 1:30 to 5 p. m. Any young man of fit physical condition between the ages of 18 and 30 may apply and the company is especially anxious to secure a horse-shoer, musicians and mounted orderlies.

WOMAN PLEADED GUILTY

When Arraigned on Charge of Keeping a Disorderly House.

Those who gathered at city hall this forenoon expecting to have their morning portion of court doings flavored with a little tabasco probably experienced certain pangs of disappointment when they saw a sober countenance little woman stand up and tell a story that didn't need any supplementary explanations from nine young women of Barre and Montpelier who had been subpoenaed to testify in a disorderly house case. Mrs. Mae Spear, lately charged with having conducted an alleged resort on Third street, demurely pleaded guilty and arranged to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

It was the sequel to a rapid made by officers last week, when Mrs. Tranquilla Dervjevic, who later was to pay a \$100 fine and costs for selling liquor illegally, submitted to a search of her premises by a party of policemen. Mrs. Dervjevic's case was disposed of yesterday, and the docketing of the Spear woman's hearing for this morning was the signal for the usual quota of court spectators to say their plans for a diverting forenoon. At some length the respondent, reasoned with her attorney, E. L. Scott, before the case was opened to-day, and upon her refusal not to acknowledge the offense she was left without counsel. Alone she debated and entered into conference with Grand Juror William Wishart before reversing her plea. In extension of her plea, the respondent said that some of the nine women summoned had been occasional visitors at her house, although most of them came for sewing. On the recommendation of the grand juror, the court took judicial notice of the woman's position as the mother of six children, who, it was claimed, are not supported by the father, and imposed a mild sentence.

MARSHFIELD BOY WINNER.

Paul E. Pitkin Gets \$25 Dollar Prize at Middlebury College.

Middlebury, May 3.—The annual speaking contest for the Parker and Merrill prizes was held last night at the McCullough gymnasium, the prizes being awarded as follows:

Parker: First prize of \$20, Henry S. Thomas of Middlebury, subject, "The Raven"; second prize of \$10, William Buggard of Brookline, subject, "The Unknown Speaker".

Merrill prize: First, \$25, Paul E. Pitkin of Marshfield, subject, "Assault on Charles Sumner"; second, \$20, James D. Searies of Corinth, N. Y., subject, "The Battle of Waterloo"; third prize, \$15, Cecil Plumb of Malone, N. Y., subject, "The New South"; fourth, \$10, Harry L. Smith of Mount Morris, N. Y., subject, "The Evil of War".

The judges were Judge C. L. Button, Rev. Henry C. Newell and Charles E. Crane.

Fish and Game Conference.

State Fish and Game Commissioner Linus Leavens and County Warden Ernest S. Newcomb will hold a public conference at the State House Friday (to-morrow) afternoon at 1 o'clock. This meeting is to be informal and for the purpose of cultivating a feeling of cooperation in the work. All interested in improving the present conditions are cordially invited to attend.